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 FW: Post Office Bar Dredging Project

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Hello -

The Yakama Nation submitted comments to the Corps regarding the Post Office Bar dredging activity. A meeting between the Yakama Nation and Corps regarding this project was held on June 30, 2010. Below are two additional issues submitted to the Corps regarding the BiOp. Feel free to contact Colin or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Subject: Post Office Bar Dredging Project

Dear Corps staff:

On behalf of the Yakama Nation, RIDOLFI's biologist, Sherrie Duncan, reviewed the Biological Opinion (BiOp) prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for the proposed dredging project at the Post Office Bar on the Lower Willamette River and identified two deficiencies that we wanted to call to your attention.

1. The BiOP should consider the effects of the dredging project to Pacific eulachon (Thaleichthys pacificus) listed as threatened by NMFS on March 18, 2010. This is a requirement of the Reinitiation of Consultation section on page 21 of the BiOp: "(d) if a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the identified action (50CFR 402.16).

Information for this listing is available on the NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources website: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/fish/pacificeulachon.htm.

1. To address the Yakama Nation's concerns relating to the health and status of Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*), listed as a Species of Concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia River Tribes, and the states of Oregon and Washington, it is suggested that the U.S Army Corps of Engineers employ the *Best Management Practices to Minimize Adverse Effects to Pacific Lamprey* developed by the USFWS and released for use on April

29, 2010. This document is available on the USFWS Fisheries Resources website: http://www.fws.gov/pacific/fisheries/sp_habcon/lamprey/index.html.

If you have any questions about our comments, please contact me or Rose Longoria at the Yakama Nation.

Sincerely,

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